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COUNTY AGENT LEADER VISITS CURRY COUNTY

Visits Various Communities With County Agent. Eleven Meetings Held to Discuss Problems.

State County Agent Leader H. S. Moles, who is making a tour of Eastern New Mexico, spent the past week in Curry County in the interest of the county agent and farm bureau work, and during that time meetings were held in eleven communities.

The County Agent planned a tour of the county, holding three meetings a day and including the following communities: Moye, Locust Grove, Pleasant Hill, Claud, Hollene, Bellview, Grady, Field, Melrose and Ranchvale. It was the purpose at these meetings to get a few farmers in each community together in a meeting for discussing agricultural conditions and agricultural problems in the respective communities. Practically every meeting was well attended, and much interest was shown in the discussions of agricultural problems. A total of more than five hundred people attended the meetings and enjoyed the addresses of Mr. Moles, and the general discussions with Mr. Moles and the County Agent. Mr. Moles, who works in all the counties in the state, was much interested in the agricultural showing of Curry County, and both the workers were pleased to note the good condition of the grain crops. The damage of the green bug has proved to be only in a few localities, and this damage is reported to be decreasing. With good spring weather great damage is not anticipated.

Mr. Moles met with the executive committee of the Curry County Farm Bureau on Friday afternoon and told of the work of other farm bureaus in New Mexico.

NEW SANTA FE OFFICE TO BE COMPLETED SOON

The new \$80,000 Santa Fe office building, which has been under construction for some time, is nearing completion, and all that remains to be done is the work of interior decoration and the installation of plumbing fixtures.

Railway officials expect to occupy the building some time during the month of April.

When completed the building will house the division offices and the offices of the master mechanic and general foreman of the shops.

W. W. NICHOLS' BROTHER KILLED AT FORT WORTH

Body with Bullet Hole Through Heart is Found in River. Was Evidently Robbed and Murdered.

The body of Scott Nichols, Western Union chief telegraph operator, at Ft. Worth, who had been missing since Feb. 8, was found on the Trinity River bank Tuesday, near Three-mile bridge near Ft. Worth, Texas. Mr. Nichols is a brother of W. W. Nichols of this city.

From appearances it is believed the corpse had been in the water between six and seven weeks. Cuff links and a ring found on the body, as well as the clothing, identified it as that of Mr. Nichols.

A coroner's investigation showed that Nichols had been shot through the heart. Police believe he was murdered and robbed, his body being thrown from the bridge.

Representative Nichols says there is no doubt in his mind but that his brother was murdered and robbed and the body disposed of to hide the crime. Some suspects have been arrested in connection with his brother's murder but so far it is not known definitely whether proof sufficient to convict can be obtained.

EXPECTS MANY LOANS.

James M. Miller of Hollene was a Clovis visitor Saturday. Mr. Miller is secretary of the Bellview National Farm Loan Association and says he expects quite a few applications for loans by the farmers of his neighborhood now since the Federal Farm Loan Association is working again.

CLOVIS TEACHER DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Miss Frances Roach, of Goodnight, Texas, teacher of the seventh division of the departmental schools, died at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening after a week's illness.

Her mother and two sisters were here at the time of her death, and the remains were shipped home Sunday morning.

Although this was the first year that Miss Roach had taught in the Clovis schools, she made an enviable record as a teacher, and had made a large number of friends who mourn her untimely death.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLD SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

Rev. W. W. Brander preached the sermon of the day at the special Easter services of the Knights Templar at the Lyceum Theatre Sunday afternoon. Music was furnished by Johnson's orchestra and Mr. Emmett Tagader sang a solo.

The Knights Templar of Clovis Comandery No. 14, met at the Masonic hall, and marched in uniform to the theatre.

COUNTY TEACHERS MET AT CLAUD SATURDAY

More than 275 teachers and visitors were present at the regular meeting of the Curry County Teachers Association held at Claud last Saturday. Following an interesting program, the ladies of the Claud district served a picnic dinner that was a treat to all the teachers.

The faculty of the Clovis schools made the trip in school trucks, but returned early on account of the serious illness of Miss Roach.

FORENSIC AND ATHLETIC MEET ON APRIL 9th.

The Curry County Forensic and athletic contests will be held April 9th for all the school children in the county between the ages of ten and twenty-one. The afternoon will be taken up with the athletic contest, and the evening with oratorical, declamatory and musical contests. To the school whose contestants win the forensic, medals will be awarded, and a cup to the one winning in the athletic events.

DODSON TO CONTINUE SUSPENDED SENTENCE

The District Court was the scene of a trial this week wherein the state sought to have the suspended sentence of Leslie Dodson set aside. Dodson was convicted of burglarizing Luikart's store in 1919, and was given 18 months suspended sentence, with orders to report to the court every three months.

Since that time it was alleged by the state that he had failed to report as ordered and had been in court several times in Texas. When sent for it is said he resisted extradition, and has been in jail since he was returned to Clovis seven weeks ago. After hearing the case the court ordered that he should remain in jail an additional 30 days, and thereafter continue under the suspended sentence.

Senator W. H. Bledsoe of Lubbock, Percy Spencer of Plainview and Patton & Hatch of Clovis, represented the defense.

LITTLE HENDRIX TERRY DIED IN AMARILLO

Hendrix Terry, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Terry of Clovis, died in the Amarillo sanitarium Monday afternoon after an illness of five weeks. He was rushed to the hospital March 20th, following a relapse from an attack of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry left Wednesday with the remains, and burial will take place in their old home at Sharon, Tenn. They will not return to Clovis at the present time.

ARM BROKEN.

Willburn Tharp, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tharp, received a broken arm Tuesday evening when he fell from a loft at his father's wagon yard at the corner of Mitchell and Otero. The boy had a bundle of feed in his arms when he fell and had presence of mind enough to throw the bundle between him and the ground. This possibly kept him from getting a more serious injury.

URGES CO-OPERATION TO BEAT PACKERS

Gov. Mechem Declares Packers Can Only be Regulated by a Counter-Combination of Producers.

A counter combination of the producers against the packers was suggested by Governor M. C. Mechem as the only means of getting their fair share of the proceeds of the cattle industry, in an address delivered at Albuquerque this week to the delegates of the New Mexico Cattle and Horse Growers' Association at their seventh annual convention.

"A great deal of blame for the cattle growers' present situation is placed upon the packer," Governor Mechem stated. "But I have never been in favor of laws hedging in that end of the industry. The packers are a natural evolution of the business and the only way stockmen can secure their own is through a counter organization, which will, to my notion, prove the solution to the problem and get the grower what is justly coming to him out of the retail price of his product."

Governor Mechem expressed the belief that in spite of any legislation curtailing the packers, they will continue in existence along present lines. "Legislation only curtails and impedes their progress," he declared. "And seems to ultimately point to government operation which no one should favor for very few believe in the success of government ownership."

Concluding Governor Mechem said: "The only way to successfully combat the packers is by counter-combination through the close co-operation of the producers."

BOARD DIVIDES COUNTY INTO ROAD DISTRICTS

Commissioners Will Meet Monday to Receive Election Returns From Thirteen Newly Made Districts

Dividing the county into thirteen road districts, and providing for the election of a road supervisor for each district, was the principle business coming before the county commissioners at their special meeting Monday.

By orders of the Board, each district shall select its road supervisor, on the first Monday in April at the time school elections are held, and that results of these elections shall be reported to the board not later than Tuesday, April 5th.

Proceedings of the meeting set forth that the supervisors must be elected by twenty-five per cent the residents of each district.

Beginning next Monday, the Commissioners expect to hold a meeting lasting several days.

A detailed report of the meeting appears in this issue of the News.

STATE BAPTISTS HELD CONVENTION AT CLOVIS

Sixty-five delegates from every section of the state met in Clovis last Thursday and Friday for the most successful convention ever held in this part of the country.

Dr. J. T. Henderson of Knoxville, Tenn., and Dr. J. D. Sanderson, president of Simmons College at Abilene, Texas, were principal speakers on the program and informal talks were made by other delegates.

The convention passed resolutions approving the anti-gambling law recently passed by the state, and set a time for daily prayer.

WILL MOVE TO CLOVIS

H. L. Hammons of Rocky, Okla., has been in Clovis this week. Mr. Hammons, while here, purchased the Jim Dennis residence and plans to move to Clovis within a few months. He is well pleased with conditions here and figures Clovis has a great future.

MOVED TO SWEETWATER.

The Pierce Dry Goods Company stock has been shipped by White & White to Sweetwater, Tex. The building will be occupied by the American Stores Co. with a 5c to \$5.00 store.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS BUSY ON CLASS PLAY

Cast of Characters Selected for "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," which will Be Given Next Month.

The Senior class of the Clovis High School is busy with rehearsals on its class play, which will be given late in April. The play, "Mrs. Temple's Telegram," is a farce, and promises to be a scream from beginning to the end.

Mrs. Temple, in the play, is jealous of her husband's acts, and is inclined to doubt his usual explanations. After a night away from home, he tells her the truth about the cause of his absence, and when she refuses to believe him, he invents an excuse that almost "gets by."

Then a lively tangle ensues, which keeps the audience laughing all the time.

Characters.

Jack Temple.....Marion Elliott
Frank Fuller.....Clarence Hobdy
Captain Sharpe.....Wendell Foreman
Mrs. Temple.....Ruby Suman
Mrs. Fuller.....Moye Myers
Dorothy.....Aileen Reed
Mrs. Brown.....Zella Mae Pierce
Wigson.....Kent Hunt
Mr. Brown.....Miller Crouch

SLIGHT REDUCTION IN RATES IN EFFECT NOW

A part of the freight rate reductions, promised for some time, are now effective. The milling-in-transit privilege, which was most needed, went into effect this week, as well as a slight reduction between here and the Texas line.

Formerly the rate to points in Texas on the Santa Fe was 39 cents, with an additional three cents for points off the Santa Fe. The rate now effective to any point in Texas is 37 1/2 cents. While the milling in transit privilege assists local grain in competition with Texas shippers, it does not enable them to pay a higher price for the grain, for the reduction to the principal Texas markets is less than one cent per bushel under the former rate.

Reductions on shipments west have not yet gone into effect, and points as far east as Kansas City are able to ship to western markets at the same rate that is charged on shipments from Clovis.

CLOVIS DOCTORS PLACED ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEE

Dr. S. J. Wright and Dr. C. O. Warriner of Clovis were placed on the committee to draft by-laws for the Chiropractic Association of New Mexico, which was organized in Clovis Friday.

The object in organizing the association was to promote the general good of the profession, and delegates from different parts of the state were present.

HUNG JURY RESULTS IN BENTLEY TRIAL

In the case of the State of New Mexico vs. Ray Bentley, charged with stealing two coats from the Antlers Hotel last November, the trial resulted in a hung jury. Bentley was released under previous bond of \$500.

The defense was very ably represented in this case by Douglas K. Fitzhugh.

GOODBYE FRUIT

The several nights of freezing weather this week killed the remainder of the fruit crop in this section that was spared by the other cold weather of a few weeks ago. It is believed that some of the Pecos valley fruit may have been saved as it is somewhat warmer there than here.

DEFENDANT IS BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

Leopoldo Flores was bound over to await the action of the grand jury Wednesday and was released under a \$500 bond at a hearing before Judge Noble, Tuesday, following the complaint of Montoya who claims to have lost \$300 last Saturday.

The plaintiff testified that he came home in the evening and found Flores in his room. Judge Fishback of Ft. Sumner argued the case for the defendant.

DARKTOWN HAS SHOOTING SCENE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

"Turkey Trot," tallest citizen of darktown, is recovering from two gun shot wounds and "Happy Jack" Wrenn, shine artist, is under a \$500 bond as the result of a shooting in the colored district Tuesday night.

Happy Jack is alleged to have shot the big black boy following domestic disturbances. Two shots took effect, one in the wrist and another in the side, without serious injuries.

WINTER PLAYS JOKE ON EASTER FASHIONS

Easter bonnets and the latest creations in Spring's fashions stayed at home Sunday while the weather man sent a sample of real winter weather to greet Curry County.

A cold wind with a slight snow fall held throughout the day, and Sunday night the thermometer dropped to 14 degrees.

MERCHANTS MAY MAKE TRADE EXCURSION

Kiwanis Club Speakers Advocate Another Visit With Farmers of Curry County.

An interesting program was carried out at the Wednesday Kiwanis luncheon. The real booster spirit was put forth in the talks that were made.

A. W. Johnson of Johnson Bros. Furniture and Undertaking Co. gave the oral boost of the day, the first time this interesting feature has been carried out for several meetings. Mr. Johnson told something of his business as it was thirteen years ago and what it is today. Something of the real development of the county was brought out when he enumerated the furniture and household goods the homesteaders had in the early day, and what the progressive farmer of today is able to buy and does buy. Old timers, he said, that were here thirteen years ago, knew what hard times really are, for all in those days were starting up with the country and few had money.

Advocated Trade Excursion

Fred E. Dennis spoke in favor of another trade excursion to points in the county as the merchants took last year. He said he believed business men and farmers alike would be benefited by a closer friendship. A. B. Austin also spoke in favor of the excursion and advocated better markets for the farmers products.

The president appointed W. I. Lolkart, A. W. Johnson and W. B. Cramer as a committee to have this matter in charge.

Boosting Dairying

C. E. Bean of Kansas made an interesting talk to the club upon the possibilities of securing a milk condenser plant here. Mr. Bean is a large owner of Holstein cattle and declared this to be an ideal dairying country. Mr. Bean says Holsteins are the ideal dairy cows and declared that the Kiwanis Club could do nothing better than get behind a movement for more and better dairy cattle. He said Clovis would have no trouble in getting a milk condenser plant if there were 2,500 dairy cows in the county adjacent.

The chairman appointed W. H. Duckworth, C. W. Harrison and Dr. A. L. Dillon to pass on a proposition to have the Chamber of Commerce establish a free camping ground in the mountains near Las Vegas.

Souvenir thermometers were given to the club members by the Blackmore-Zerwer Co.

McGEE WELL READY FOR SHOT WHEN NITRO ARRIVES

The McGee well, southeast of Tucumcari, will be shot with 400 quarts of nitro as soon as the stuff arrives and the shooters get ready to pull the stunt. The well was drilled to approximately 4,000 feet, and the shot will be placed at about 2,200 feet where a strong flow of gas was encountered.

CONTRACTOR HERE

F. W. Lehrack of Kansas City was in Clovis this week on business. Mr. Lehrack was the contractor who erected the elevators of Lane & Sons Grain Co., and Western Elevators Co., of Clovis.

PAVING CONSTRUCTION COMMENCES THIS WEEK

Company is Now Setting Up Bitulithic Plant. First Work on East Munroe Ave.

Work started this week on the setting up of the bitulithic plant of the New Mexico Construction Company, and the other machinery will be set up as soon as it arrives, according to announcements Wednesday. A car load of sand and gravel is now being loaded at Tolar, and work on the curbing and guttering will be started as soon as this arrives.

The bitulithic plant is being installed just east of the Gurley warehouse on the Santa Fe tracks, and the concrete mixers will be put in action this week.

J. B. Waldington, state superintendent of the company, F. W. Mooncey, local foreman, and Frank Washington, assistant foreman, are on the job overseeing the work.

The first work will be started on East Munroe Ave. A crew of surveyors started work Thursday morning on Main Street, and it is probable that this will be the street to be paved next.

MITCHELL UNDERGOES OPERATION AT ROSWELL

E. S. Mitchell of Clovis, who was operated on at Roswell Wednesday, is reported to be recovering nicely. Mitchell is a veteran of the world war and was injured while overseas. Arrangements for the operation were made by the Curry County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

SEVERAL CASES TRIED IN DISTRICT COURT

Past Week has Been a Busy One at Court House. Docket for Present Term is Nearly Finished

The past week has been a busy one for the District Court. A number of cases have been disposed of, and the docket of the present term is about completed. Several cases transferred from DeBaca County are being heard this week.

In the case of the State of New Mexico vs. Manuel Morin, charged with forging the name of Manuel D. Avilla on a Santa Fe pay check for \$98.52, on December 1st, the defendant plead guilty and was given a year's suspended sentence.

Jose A. Morin was convicted by the jury on the charge of forging the name of Manuel D. Avilla on a Santa Fe pay check at the Citizens Bank on November 15th, 1920. The check was for \$95.13. Sentence has not yet been passed by the court. In this case Manuel Morin was jointly indicted with his brother, but on motion of the District Attorney the case against Manuel Morin was dismissed.

L. W. Saunders plead guilty to the charge of having broken into Masterson's store in February, and was given a sentence of one year in the penitentiary.

PORTALES EDITOR HERE.

J. G. Greaves, editor of the Portales News, was a Clovis visitor Tuesday. Mr. Greaves says Portales now has under consideration the voting of bonds to erect a new high school building there.

HAVE A HEART!

"Have a heart!" That's the call that comes from the post office every morning in the week between the hours of eight and nine. Heretofore, the bulk of the mail coming to Clovis arrived on the midnight train, and was distributed at the office before the windows were opened. But since the night train is no more, the mail arrives at 7:20 a. m. and 8:30 a. m., and must be distributed during the biggest rush of the day.

"It would be much better for all concerned if people wouldn't come for their mail until nine o'clock," said one of the clerks yesterday.